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## THE BANNER.

THE SPIRIT OF THE COUNTRY  
IS HIGH.

The American pulse beats quick and strong to the sound of the tocsin. The rumor of a war with Mexico has called forth an expression of patriotic feeling worthy of the American press and of the American people. Scarcely a dissenting voice is heard to murmur the general shout for "our country." Texas, an independent nation, independent by will and by deed—nation that has not only declared her independence, but maintained it at the point of the bayonet and of the cannon's mouth—a nation acknowledged to be independent by all the great powers of christendom, has asked to be united to our people, and the voice of our nation has proclaimed our willingness to that Union; and now no other nation on earth has either the right or the power to prevent it. Mexico may bluster, and England may menace us—but the union of the two countries is inevitable. The American people will not be driven from their determined purpose by the blustering attitude of Mexico, even though she be backed by British gold or British power. But Mexico with all her temerity will never declare war against the United States, unless she be backed by some other power.—Halt blind, as she is, she can plainly foresee the consequences of such an act. No, if a war does come, it will be a war with England, and her subsidized powers—a war between Monarchy and Democracy—between the legitimists and the advocates of liberal principles every where. The autocrats of Europe look with jealousy and alarm upon the spread of our principles and the rising grandeur of our country. Hence their constant efforts to excite and to urge Mexico to any act of non intercourse or war with the United States. They wish to cripple our commerce to check the growth of our institutions and the advance of American principles. It was the progress of American principles which pushed forward the engines that levelled the monarchy of France; and it is the progress of this principle which England now dreads, and which she is determined, if possible, to check. To effect this, she seizes every opportunity to cripple our commerce, to circumscribe our limits, and to retard the growth of our nation. If she can instigate Mexico to an act of non intercourse with us, she will not only be enabled to cripple our commerce, but to increase her own. If she can further excite the courage of Mexico to a war feeling, she hopes by her diplomacy to enlist other nations, and to prevent, if possible, the annexation of Texas; and thus not only cripple our commerce, but check the progress of our principles in that direction. If she can seize upon the spirit of inquiry is aroused—intelligence is spreading among the masses—let it become general, and tyranny will be dashed from its throne. The ministry of England will find from the almost unanimous expression of the American Press, that Peck's inaugural echoed the voice of public sentiment. That our right to Oregon is not only unquestionable, but that we are determined to maintain it peacefully if we can, forcibly if we must.

**THE JUNE TERM** of the County Court of this county, will commence in this place, on Monday next.

### WHEAT CROP.

From what we can learn from our country friends, the present prospect for an abundant wheat crop is flattering.

**JOSEPH H. REYNOLDS**, late a member of the Legislature from Jackson county, has been appointed Collector of the port of Independence, Mo. The office is an important one to the Santa Fe traders.

The Legislature of New York has decided to refer to the people the question of a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State.

The Union contradicts the rumor that John C. Calhoun is to be sent as a special minister to England.

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opposition in England, was swelling the current of popular feeling for war, while Ireland was agitated almost to revolution. If he should declare for that vicinity for Oregon. The editor thus describes one of the wagons and its contents—

"On looking out at the passing train, we see among the foremost, a very compactly covered wagon; one of the sheets is drawn aside, and there is an extremely nice looking lady seated in it, very quietly sewing; the bottom of the wagon is carpeted; there are two or three chairs, and at one end a bureau, surmounted by a mirror; various articles of ornament and convenience hang around the sides—a perfect paris boudoir. Blessed be woman, shedding light and happiness where'er she goes; with her the wild prairies will be a perfect paradise! Blessed be him who gave us this connecting link between Heaven and man, to win us from our wilder ways!

### THE CROPS.

We are sorry to bear dismal accounts of the coming tobacco crop in this State. In many, if not most of the counties on the Missouri, there has been a very general failure of the plants, in consequence of the cold and unseasonable weather, and those who persist in attempting to raise them notwithstanding the most favorable aspect of the weather to bring them to maturity. In Franklin county, aimed for the production of our finest tobacco, the planters are substituting cotton, and now where others are putting in hemp. Unless a very great change takes place in the prospect, there will be an almost entire failure of the tobacco crop.

We learn from the country bordering on the Mississ., that the time is now greatly improved for the raising of our wheat, corn and small crops.—No, we

### NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following arrangement made by the Legislature General will suffice to forward the newspaper subscriptions after the 1st of July, when the new law goes in operation, will be as convenient for those who should happen to have an idea to pay their subscription as it will be advantageous to publishers:

"Money for newspaper subscriptions, not exceeding \$10 in each entry, may be paid to a Postmaster for the purpose of being paid to the public collector, &c., &c., & any other officer. The Postmaster is, in such case, to give to the person paying the money, a receipt therefor, and to advise forthwith the Postmaster, who is to pay said amount of deposit. Upon presentation of this receipt, the amount is to be paid over. The Postmaster receiving the amount is to debit himself therewith in his account, and the Postmaster paying that amount is to credit himself therewith in his account of contingent expenses."

### GEN. JACKSON.

The Washington Union publishes a letter from Nashville, dated the 4th, which says: "The impression of the General's nearest friends now is, that the time honored veteran's life is rapidly drawing to a close. Symptoms of decay have intervened.—His legs are swollen from the feet to the abdomen, and his respiration is feeble and difficult." His mind, however, still remains clear.

### LOVE AND PRIDE.

A writer makes the following sensible and judicious remarks, which we commend to the attention of those for whom they are intended:

Many a man has seen his choice for a partner in life, in the humble girl, far beneath him in the opinion of the world, and although love and pride might have struggled with him for a while, yet pride triumphed, and he sought one from higher walks of life.

In all the vicissitudes of social existence nothing can be capable of inflicting more certain misery, and is sure to follow such a course. It adds to the general harmony of our days,

destroys our ends, shortens the length of life and the stature of manhood, and is contrary to the divine instruction of the Bible, for it declares that where love is, there is peace, plenty, and richness. Every thing good is sure to follow a happy union. Let not pride interfere in this matter."

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### ILLINOIS CANAL.

The Springfield (Ill.) Register of the 3d says that there are from two to three thousand emigrants assembled in Ia. Friday contains the news with regard to the Canal loan previously published by us. The question is settled, and Illinois will now go ahead:

"We are informed that Gov. Ford has received a letter from David Levitt, Esq., of New York, stating that he has been advised by letters from Europe, that the European bondholders have acceded to the arrangements of the last Legislature, and have ratified the contract for the long roads by Governor Davis and Mr. Levitt; that twelve and a half per cent in money on the amount of bonds to be registered will be paid on the 25th of this month; that two trustees will be elected on the 27th; and that the residue of the money to complete the canal will be advanced as soon as it is wanted.

"We may look for an early and energetic movement on this great work in the course of the month of June. Thank God! this noble enterprise is about to be resumed. We look to the completion of the canal, as a means to attract population & wealth to the State; make it outlet to a new and valuable market; and by breathing the breath of life into dead capital of five millions dollars heretofore expended on it to relieve the people of that number. This, with the sale of the public property and the three million dollars in winding up the Banks, will reduce the State debt since December 1, 1842, about eight million dollars. What looks encouraging. It is one getting out of our trouble.

THACKERAY—LOVE AND PRIDE.—most unfortunate tragedy—was enacted at the German Ball held in Milwaukee Saloon on Monday night last, which is equal to any story of romance which we have read. It appears that a young Dutchman who was deeply enamored with a young Dutch girl had engaged her as a partner & took her to the ball expecting to task alone in the sunshine of her amorous favor during the evening. But the faithless dame happened to be another young German there for whom she entertained warm feelings, and her engaged partner, finding her with another, discarded the latter & refused to dance with him, bestowing the smile and favor exclusively upon the former.—This galled the latter to madness, & in a fit of desperation, he leaped from a window in the third story of the building, with a view of putting an end to his miserable existence. He was most horribly and shockingly mangled in the fall, but hopelessly entertained by his friends, though yet recover.

He has given the strongest possible proof of his devotion and attachment to his "lady love," and in due time event of his recovery, if she will remember him and greet him with favor she may gain a heart as hard as adamant.—*London Transcript.*

Upon a certain time, an orator who wished to advocate the construction of a new turnpike through a section of Virginia, made the following sublime speech:

"May it please your worship, while Europe is convulsed by discord, and her empire rent with internal commotions, and when her astronomers mount the steeds of their imaginations, and pass through the eternal world, pursuing their course from planet to planet and from system to system, would they have explored the vast, infinite space—let us direct our attention to

A ROAD MORE IMMEDIATELY IN OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD."—U. S. Post.

### DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT TREASURE.

The Macon (Ga.) Messenger gives an account of the discovery of a hidden treasure to the amount of forty-five thousand Spanish dollars in Franklin county, in the State. The discoverer, on breaking open the trunk of the tree, discovered these dollars.

Woman is a gentle being, and exerts her influence nobly. Her reign, like that of the queen of night, is peaceful and serene; and as the one, with silver beams, shines on closed up flowers, and refreshes those with dew which the burning sun has caused to drop and wither, so does the other shine upon man with beams full of love and tenderness, & over his misfortunes the dew-drops she sheds are tears of affection and regard.

A little girl, seeing a team loaded with bags of cotton, ran to the factory, passing the house, called out to her little brother, Charley! Charley! Charley! there goes a load of絮。

### THE DEPARTMENT.

MISSOURI VOLUNTEERS.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald, says:

It appears that the appropriation made annually, at each successive session for several years, for the payment of the Missouri volunteers in the Florida war, has again failed of its object, in the absence, no doubt, of a specification in the bill of the agency in the premises, to which the Secretary of the Treasury should deliver the funds.

How is this? Some of our Representatives should explain.—Rep'r.

### WARNING TO LIQUOR DEALERS.

A gentleman of Cincinnati is in possession of the names of all the liquor dealers in two streets of that city for the last fifteen years. There were 67 in all, of whom 53 are dead, and 14 of them died drunk!

NEW MARKET FOR WHEAT.

We noticed yesterday, a merchant buying wheat in this market for Nashville, Tenn. Large flouring mills are springing up in that section of the country, and, as is the case with similar establishments on the Ohio, they will look to St. Louis for their supplies of wheat.—Gazette.

Our union is perfect, as the two convicts said, that went hand-cuffed to prison.

Why is marrying a single woman, more unlucky than marrying a widow? Answer; Because 'tis harder to marry a miss.—U. S. Post.

Gentlemen of the jury, said a hoosier Lawyer, addressing a real shill back jury, "I say this ere magnanimous sun shines in the heavens, though you can't see it kase it behind a cloud—but I know it though I can't prove it; so my client, who rises early and hunts coons, like an honest man, has a good case, though he can't prove it. Now if you believe what I here tell you about my client's case, and if you don't, then you call me a liar, and that I'll be quareld with; stand by however, as I don't want to swear false and have trouble, you'd better give us our case."

Bill is now pending in the Iowa Legislature, requiring the Constitution altered by Congress at its last session, to be submitted to the people again next August.

THE INFLUENCE OF DEMOCRACY.

In a free country every man thinks his country's Republic matters most to him; and as you, gentlemen, are in power, do you think it is not a good thing to have a government that is not afraid of you? They are curious, eager, giddy and jealous; and by making such matter the daily subject of their thoughts and discourses, vast numbers contract a very tolerable bowel-ache of late; and this is in that class of men, who are very fond of talking about public affairs, and yet get nothing but trifles to talk about.

The duke of Marlborough, struck with the warlike air and fine figure of a soldier taken prisoner at the battle of Blenheim exclaimed, "Had the French army contained fifty thousand men similar to that grenadier, it could not have been beaten." "Eh monsieur," said the soldier, "there were men enough like me, but the duke needed a general like you."

The last part of beauty is that which a picture cannot express.

"We met 'twas in a crowd," as the political lie said of his fellow.

"I'm dreadfully cut up," as the crimped cod said to the fish-monger.

If a man was always to be known by the company he kept, nay last for the poor constables!

"I feel too lazy to work," said alabaster, and I have no time to play; I think I'll go to bed and split the difference."

"How do you do, Mrs. Smith?" "Do what?" "Why, how do you find yourself?" "I never lose myself."

"Well, how have you been?" "Baal! Been where!"

"Pshaw! how do you feel?" "Feel of me and see."

"Good morning, Mr. Smith."

"It's nor a good morning; it's an awfully wet and nasty. A 'good morning!' I like that!

There is no elevation of mind, no justice without moderation in principles and ideas, without a pervading spirit which inclines us rather to smile than fall into a passion with the events of this little life. Anger is never productive of any good, except in the extremely rare case of being employed to humble the wicked and to terrify them from pursuing the path of crime, as the usurers were driven from the temple.

"I'll take your part," as the dog said when he stole the cat's dinner.

Uncle Sam thinks it is one's own fault if he dies now-a-days, when all manner of infallible pills and medicines are advertised.